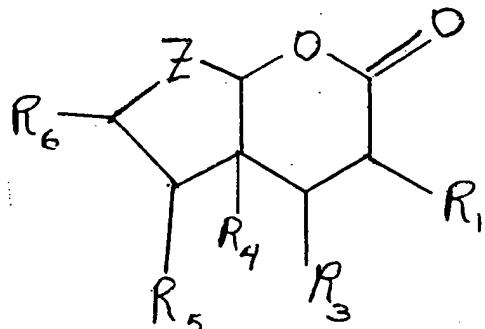


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Described are bicyclic lactones, both fused ring lactones defined according to the generic structure:

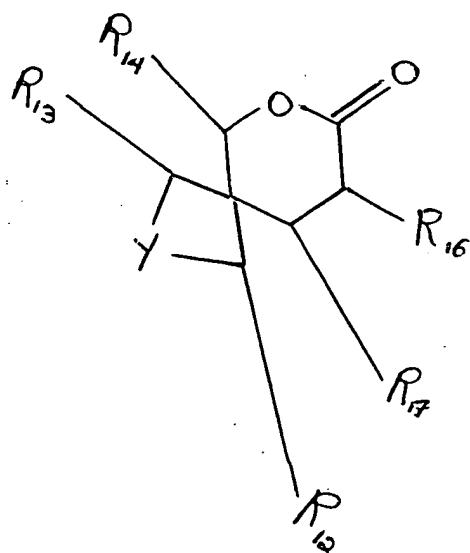
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and spiro lactones defined according to the generic structure:

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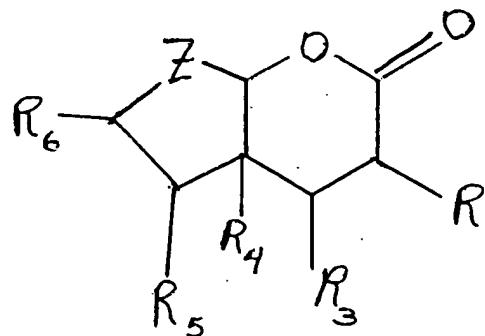
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uses thereof in augmenting, enhancing or imparting aromas in or to perfume compositions, perfumed articles, colognes and perfumed polymers; processes for preparing such bicyclic lactones and intermediates therefor.

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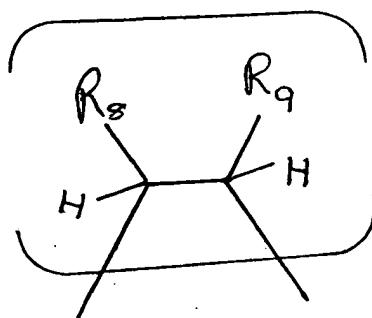
In the structure:

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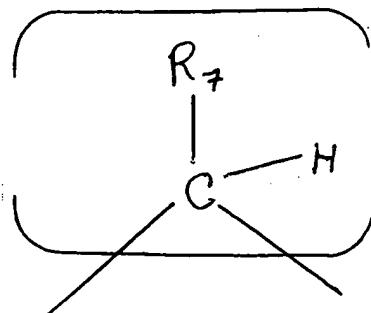


Z is one of the moieties:

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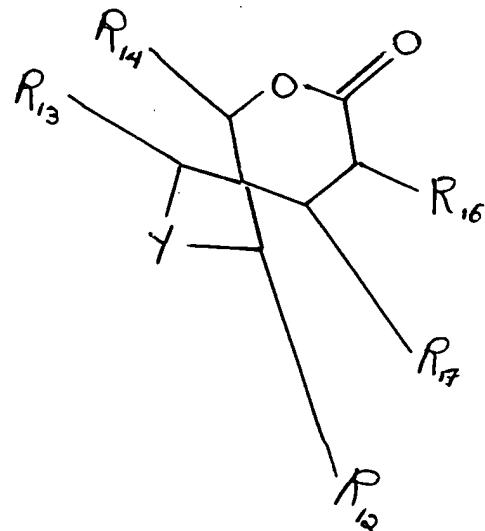
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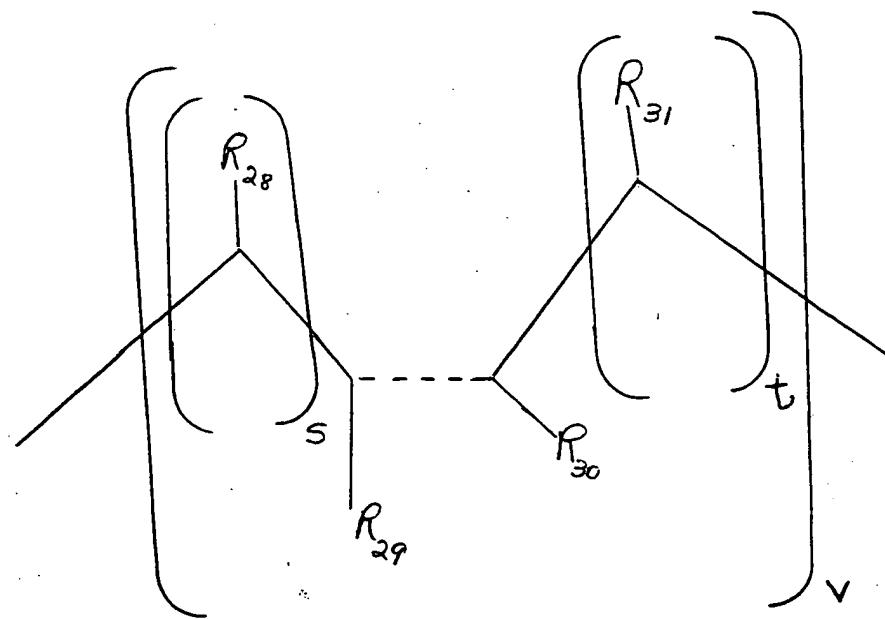
one of R_1 or R_3 is methyl and the other is hydrogen; and R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 and R_9 are hydrogen or nonadjacent C₁-C₃ alkyl. In the structure:

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Y represents C₂-C₁₂ substituted or unsubstituted alkylidenyl, alkenylidenyl or alkadienylidenyl having the structure:



and completes a C₅-C₁₅ cycloalkyl, cycloalkadienyl or cycloalkenyl ring moiety; and

wherein R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_{16} , R_{17} , R_{28} , R_{29} , R_{30} and R_{31} represent hydrogen or C₁-C₃

15 nonadjacent alkyl; wherein s is an integer of from 0 up to 10; t is an integer of from 0 up to 10; and v is an integer of 1 or 2; with the proviso that the sum of s and t is between 0 and 10

according to the inequalities: $0 \leq s + t \leq 10$; $0 \leq s \leq 10$; and $0 \leq t \leq 10$.